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## Idaho State Judiciary: *Court E-News*

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### News Links of Interest

- [News Articles this week](#)
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### Legislative News

The Court has announced the 2016 Budget and Legislative Priorities and supporting documents:



- ◆ [Budget Priorities for the 2016 Legislative Session](#)
- ◆ [Legislative Priorities and Defects in the Law](#)
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### Judicial Council Appoints New Director

The Idaho Judicial Council has announced the appointment of Boise attorney David W. (Tony) Cantrill as the new executive director. Starting December 1, Cantrill will be in charge of administration of day-to-day operations of the Judicial Council. [Click here for the full press release.](#)



### October Administrative Conference Minutes

The minutes of the October 15, 2015 Administrative Conference are available: [CLICK HERE](#)

### Adoption Day Celebrations from Around the State

Since the inception of National Adoption Day in 2000, nearly 54,500 children have been adopted on National Adoption Day nationwide!

Check out **PAGE 5** in today's *Court E-News* for highlights from some of the Adoption Day celebrations held in Idaho.



### Save the Dates & Mark Your Calendars Now!

District Judges Conference: January 25-27, 2016  
The Riverside Hotel, Boise

Court Reporter Conference: January 25-26, 2016  
Red Lion Hotel, Boise

## Judicial & Administrative Calendar

### 2015-16-17 Calendar

as of December 4, 2015

*NOTE: Due to security concerns, locations are not posted on the [Website calendar](#).*

## Protocol for Circulating Proposed Court Rules and Rule Amendments

[Click here for the Protocol](#) (01-09-15)

## Court Committees ~~ Agendas and Minutes

[Minutes: Felony Sentencing Committee 9-22-15](#)

[Minutes: CFCC Committee 9-23-15](#)

[Minutes: Drug Court and Mental Health Court Coordinating Committee / 10-02-15](#)

[Agenda: October Administrative Conference](#)

## Using Risk & Needs Assessment Information at Sentencing: Observations from Ten Jurisdictions to include Idaho

[This report](#), produced by the National Center for State Courts' Center for Sentencing Initiatives, provides information from ten jurisdictions, including the Seventh Judicial District in Idaho, on how criminal justice stakeholders are incorporating evidence-based practices for the purpose of recidivism risk management and reduction.

It outlines how the risk needs responsivity (RNR) model is utilized for sentencing practices, tracking and monitoring data, and using evaluation results for system improvements. The report also provides a summary of lessons learned from the ten jurisdictions that may benefit others seeking to adopt similar practices.

## Comments Sought — Proposed Amendments to Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure

The [proposed amendments](#) to the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure originated with the Civil Rules Update Committee, chaired by Senior Judge David Day. This Committee has been charged with reviewing the Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure to simplify, clarify and modernize the language, and to create a consistent structure and format along with a more useful table of contents. In 2007 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure were updated with similar objectives and they are being used as a model.

The Civil Rules Update Committee's charge does not include making substantive changes; however, it does include identifying and making recommendations for substantive changes to the Civil Rules Advisory Committee for consideration. The proposed amendments were reviewed by the Civil Rules Advisory Committee and are being recommended to the Idaho Supreme Court for adoption. Comments on the proposed amendments may be sent to [Cathy Derden](#) by **December 11, 2015**.

## Need Technical Assistance?

Email: [helpdesk@idcourts.net](mailto:helpdesk@idcourts.net)

Online Form:  
[www.isc.idaho.gov/helpdesk](http://www.isc.idaho.gov/helpdesk)

Or Call: 208-334-3868



## Summary of ISC|COA Published Opinions

[November 19–December 2, 2015](#)

## Court Protective Services Corporal Jon Vance

Office: 208-947-7439  
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[JVance@idcourts.net](mailto:JVance@idcourts.net)

[Incident Report Form](#)



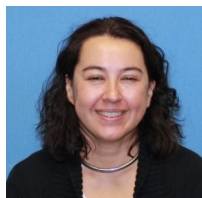
## Current Position Openings

For a complete description of all positions available, as well as application materials, please [click here](#).

### Court Reporter / Canyon County

The Idaho Courts have a career opportunity for a Court Reporter in the Third Judicial District. The position is located in Caldwell, Idaho. The Court Reporter may be required to travel to different counties throughout the judicial district. **The position is open until filled.**

## Human Resources News



### Welcome, New Employee

Aimee Hesterman has joined the Court Management Division as a Court Data Specialist. She was born and raised in Okinawa, Japan, and moved to Idaho in 1993. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Boise State University and a Master's in Business Education from the University of Idaho. She has bounced around State agencies from her internship days at the Department of Commerce, then Department of Education, Transportation Department and Department of Labor in various data analysis roles before venturing out to the public sector as a contractor with Hewlett-Packard. Now she is thrilled to be back in public service. Aimee lives in rural Caldwell with her husband and four children. *Welcome, Aimee!*

### Attention Active Judges with Direct Deposit

Due to the Christmas Holiday and year end, salary affidavits will be due by **5:00 p.m. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015**. If you want your January 1<sup>st</sup> payroll to be direct deposit, please email your salary affidavit to [hr@idcourts.net](mailto:hr@idcourts.net) or fax to 947-7463.

### Applications Due for Purchase of PERSI Membership Service

Applications are due by January 1, 2016 for those magistrate judges contemplating retirement between July 1 And December 31, 2016. The application is available on page 7 of the [Purchase of PERSI Manual](#) or you may contact the HR Office at [hr@idcourts.net](mailto:hr@idcourts.net).

## HR / Finance Links of Interest

[HR Recruitment Report](#) 12-04-15

[EEOP Utilization Report](#) 10-16-15

[Employee Self-Service \(ESS\)](#)

[Tips for using ESS](#)

[Phones Directory: Admin. Office of the Courts](#) **NEW**

[Judges Policy Manual](#) 08-19-15

[Employee Policy Manual](#) (Effective 07-01-14)

[Salary Affidavits & Travel Vouchers](#)

[We're Here to Serve You!](#)

[Wellness News \[Health Matters\]](#)

## Training & Education Corner

[Click here](#) for the Judicial Education SharePoint site for all upcoming and archived training for Judges.

[Click here](#) for all upcoming and archive training for Clerks & Court reporters

## Your Corner . . .

*Note: "Your Corner" pages are intended as an archive of articles of interest to a particular group. Once a story has been included in the E-News, it will then be "parked" in a group's page, as appropriate.*

[Judges](#) (updated 09-19-14)

[Elected/Deputy Clerks](#) (updated 11-13-15)

[Court Reporters](#) (updated 01-23-15)

### Is Your MAILING ADDRESS Up-to-date?

If you move and/or change your mailing address, please submit the change directly to the HR Office not to PERSI. Updating change of address information for active members in PERSI's system can only be done via the employer. If you are a retired and/or separated employee, please contact PERSI if your mailing address changes. PERSI provides an RS110 Change of Address form on its website ([www.persi.idaho.gov](http://www.persi.idaho.gov)). The form is for both Base Plan and Choice 401(k) Plan accounts. Once an address change is received, all statements, correspondence, and tax documents will go to the new address of record. Active members can use the form to notify their employer of a change by giving a completed form to the HR Office. Separated employees or retired members can use the form to notify PERSI directly about a change.

### WELLNESS: Health Matters

- ♦ Support good hygiene habits during the holiday season with handwashing, hand sanitizers, Kleenex..
- ♦ Designate a cause/charity that employees may **donate their wrapped holiday candy** to at the end of the month; examples include the troops and mission houses. It's a great way to keep yourself from eating all those tempting sweets.
- ♦ **Schweitzer Mountain Resort** is offering state employees discounted lift tickets again this year; see that and others on [Happenings](#)
- ♦ **Thrive Idaho:** [November newsletter is available.](#)

## Problem-Solving Court Graduations

Twin Falls County DUI Court  
December 7 @ 7:30 a.m.  
Twin Falls County Courthouse, Rm. 6  
Twin Falls

Kootenai County DUI  
Kootenai County Courthouse  
December 8 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Coeur d'Alene

District 5 Child Protection Drug Court  
December 9 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls County Courthouse, Rm. 6  
Twin Falls

Bannock County Juvenile Drug Court  
Bannock County Courthouse  
December 15 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Pocatello

Bonneville County Felony  
Bonneville County Courthouse  
Centennial Courtroom  
December 15 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Idaho Falls

Bonneville County Young Adult Court  
Bonneville County Courthouse, Courtroom 3  
December 15 @ 10:30 a.m.  
Idaho Falls

Nez Perce County Veterans Treatment Court  
Nez Perce County Courthouse  
December 16 @ 4:30 p.m.  
Lewiston

Nez Perce County Felony Drug Court  
Nez Perce County Courthouse  
December 17 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Lewiston

Gem County Felony Drug Court  
December 17 @ 1:30 p.m.  
Gem County Courthouse  
District Courtroom  
Emmett

*To have graduations included in the  
Court E-News, email Keri at*

[knelson@idcourts.net](mailto:knelson@idcourts.net).

### 2015 - 16 Webinar Schedule: Problem-Solving Courts and Education

The following webinars will be held at  
12:30 p.m. Mountain Time and 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time  
on the dates listed below. Subject to change.

[CLICK HERE for ARCHIVED WEBINARS](#)

### Webinar Dates and Titles

**February 20, 2015: Training Resources: Blended Learning Toolkit**

**March 20, 2015: Developing a Useful Policy and Procedures Manual and Participant Handbook: New Participant Feedback Survey**

**April 17, 2015: Managing & Reporting Utilization: Slots, Capacity, Termination Types and More!**

**May 15, 2015 - No Webinar — moved to July 17 (see below)**

**June 19, 2015: Building and Using an Incentives and Sanctions Matrix**

**July 17, 2015 Coordinator Toolkit**

**August 21, 2015: Effective Evaluation to Improve Drug Court Operations**

**Sept. 11, 2015: The Trauma Informed Drug Court: Principles & Practices**

**October 16, 2015: HIPAA & 42 CFR Part II: New Consent to Release Information**

**November 20, 2015: Funding Operations & Sustainability Planning**

**NEW DATE: December 17, 2015: Team Member Roles: Understanding Ethical Requirements of Canon 3 B (7)(f)**

Please join my meeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/287742525>

Join the conference call: 1-888-713-3067 Code: 2089477428

**January 15, 2016: ASAM & DSM V: Significant Changes**

**February 19, 2016: Title TBD**

## Adoption Day Celebrations from Around the State

The Court's [Adoption Day Proclamation](#): Honoring all individuals who give their time and effort to providing children with a permanent adoptive home.

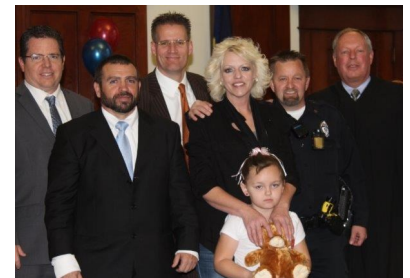
Since the inception of National Adoption Day in 2000, nearly 54,500 children have been adopted on National Adoption Day nationwide! Here are highlights from some of the Adoption Day celebrations held in Idaho . . .



**Twin Falls County:** Judge Bevan addressed the crowd, expressed gratitude to all those involved in making adoptions possible, acknowledged the significance of this great event and read the proclamation by Chief Justice Jim Jones. Judge Campbell then presided over the scheduled adoptions. [KMYT](#) and [The Times News](#) were there and interviewed some of those involved (click on the links for the stories).



**Fremont County:** Judge Gilman J. Gardner presided for an adoption, followed by the proclamation by Chief Justice Jim Jones, and three speakers who spoke eloquently about the gift of adoption, and the growing need for foster and adoptive families. The theme for the day was "All Bears Need Love." All families received a book with the same title, written by adoptive parent Tanya Valentine, and every child received an adoption day Teddy Bear.



**Ada County:** 14 adoptions were performed by Judges Andrew Ellis and MacGregory Irby; balloons and teddy bears were provided by the Trial Court Administrator's office; many local judges and elected officials attended throughout the day; several local businesses donated cakes, welcome bags for each adoption family (including books and toys), and an on-site family photo sitting for each family.



**The Sixth Judicial District** held its annual Adoption Day celebration at the Pine Ridge Mall, with this year's theme of **Adoption Rocks!** The venue was packed with grandparents, parents, and kids from the fostering and adoption community. Among those participating were an adoptive family from the private sector, one family from the Department of Health and Welfare process, and a single mom who adopted three brothers! There were door prizes, pizza, cookies, and a baby bear adoption ceremony. The kids were able to decorate and take home rocks, too! The vibe was lively, helped by Judges Murray, Clark, and Naftz!



**Canyon County:** 16 children ranging in age from infant to 18 years old had their adoptions finalized in Canyon County on Adoption Day. Judge Koytk and Senior Judge Krough finalized private adoptions and adoptions coming from Idaho Department of Health and Welfare for 11 different families. The honored guest speakers included: Lieutenant Governor Brad Little, Administrative District Judge Bradley Ford, and Spencer Blake from Good Morning Idaho. Taylor Carter-Ballard and her adoptive parents and Wendi Brown a Resource Peer Mentor/foster parent also shared their experiences about the joys and barriers of adoption. The 16 children and 11 families adopting them were joined by friends, family members, social workers and members from the community during the celebration. The celebration included a display of some of the children currently available for adoption. The families all went home with a cake and a bag filled with gift cards and goodies from the many sponsors who donated items to help bring a smile to the faces of the adoptive families.

